

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1 of 4	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003		3. EFFECTIVE DATE July 10, 2000		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ.NO.		5. PROJECT NO. <i>(If applicable)</i>	
6. ISSUED BY AFMC COPK CODE				7. ADMINISTERED BY <i>(If other than Item 6)</i>		CODE	
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR <i>(No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)</i> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">To: All Interested Parties</div>				(✓) X		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. DE-RP24-000H20115	
						9B. DATED <i>(SEE ITEM 11)</i> May 19, 2000	
						10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
						10B. DATED <i>(SEE ITEM 13)</i>	
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended.							
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA <i>(If required)</i>							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: () THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. ITEM 10A.						
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES <i>(such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)</i> SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).						
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:						
	D. OTHER <i>(Specify type of modification and authority)</i>						
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION <i>(Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)</i> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">See pages 2 – 4.</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">NOTE: Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment as indicated in Block 11.</div>							
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER <i>(Type or print)</i>				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER <i>(Type or print)</i>			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
_____ <i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>				BY _____ <i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>			

This amendment is issued to respond to RFP questions and revise the RFP as indicated below:

A. Questions received and DOE responses are listed below:

Question

19. Section L.18.a.2 of the RFP states, in part, that “In order that the technical proposal may be evaluated strictly on the merits of the material submitted, no contractual cost information is to be included in the technical proposal.”

Proposed baseline improvements will result in savings in both cost and schedule. However, since there are no “quotes” required in the proposal (other than Maximum Fee), we assume that order-of-magnitude cost savings estimates associated with a baseline improvement do not constitute “contractual cost information” and may therefore be used in the Technical Proposal to show the impact of baseline improvements.

Answer

Our rationale for excluding contractual cost information from the technical proposal was to allow the SEB Technical Review Team to evaluate the improvements based solely on the information provided in accordance with Section L.18.b.1, Baseline Improvements, against the criteria specified in Section M.4(a)2, Baseline Improvements. Volume III should contain all the cost information on each improvement as required by Section L.19. This separation is necessary to ensure the technical evaluation process is not compromised by extraneous information.

Question

20. The proposal preparation instructions provided in L.18.b.1.(a).4 require the offer to submit targets for Small Disadvantaged Business participation only.

The evaluation criteria for this specific section (M.4.a.1.A); however, includes Small Business Participation and Disadvantaged Business participation.

Based upon DOE’s response to Question 15. We have restricted this section of the proposal to SDB participation. We assume that DOE will use the Small Business Plan to assess small business participation and not the section of the proposal prepared in response to L.18.b.1.(a).4.

Please remove the reference to SB Participation from M.4.a.1.A.

Answer

Section L.18.b.1(a)4 was revised in Amendment 0001 to include Small Business Subcontracting Plan requirements as well (See Amendment 0001, T). DOE's response to Question 15 is consistent with the solicitation change, therefore DOE will not remove the requirement from Section M.4.a.1.A as requested. The Small Business Plan and Small Disadvantaged Participation Program are required to be submitted in Volume I per Section L.17.e. The requirement in L.18.b.4, however, may be satisfied by simply referencing the Volume I "plans," as there is no reason to duplicate requirement submittals. The SEB will ensure the referenced plans are available to the technical team for evaluation purposes. The plans, if included in Volume I, will not count towards the Volume II page count.

Question

21. The definitions following Section J, Atch 9, indicate that all deliverables whose due date is listed as "O" must be delivered "within 30 calendar days after date" of contract award. There are no separate definitions following Section J, Atch 3, but we assume that the same definitions would apply. Please confirm that this is correct.

Answer

The definitions in Attachment 9 do not necessarily apply to Attachment 3 because the "Frequency" columns were developed differently. However, all reports required by Attachment 3, with the exception of those specified as "as needed" or "on request," are to be submitted no later than 180 days after contract award, unless a sooner date is specified. Any "sooner dates" that would make the deliverable due before 30 days after award, will be considered "on time" if submitted within 30 days after contract award. Attachment 3 will be modified to clarify this.

Question

22. The response to Question # 10 in the second set of RFP questions clarified that the \$1M ceiling applies only to work charged for transition specific purposes. Work on both transition and non-transition activities is required immediately following contract award, even though the effective date of the new contract is expected to be December 1, 2000. We assume that funds will be obligated at the time of contract award to cover the work performed prior to the contract effective date. Please confirm that this is correct.

Answer

DOE anticipates the “effective date” of the contract resulting from this solicitation to be the “award date” (i.e., Section A, SF33, Block 28), not December 1, 2000. No “pre-contract costs” pursuant to FAR 31.205-32 are anticipated. Costs that must be incurred by the Contractor which are outside the scope of “the transition period,” (Section B.4), would be approved and funded by the Contracting Officer. In response to Question 10, DOE recognized “preparation of the revised baseline” as one of those items.

Question

23. Clause H.14(h)3 will make exit relocation costs unallowable “unless otherwise agreed.” Certain employees currently assigned to the Fernald project have DOE approved employment agreements including commitments for exit relocation costs. Please confirm that these exit relocation costs for these individuals will continue to be allowable.

Answer

DOE intends to allow the Contractor to honor current commitments, previously approved by the Contracting Officer, whether it is through the existing contract, or as a part of the new contract. The Contractor’s Relocation Plan required by H.14(h)3 may contain requests to continue current employment commitments regarding exit costs for certain employees. These costs should be quantified, and include rationale for reimbursement. DOE will review this issue as part of the entire Advance Understanding process (See H14(h)).

- B. Section J, Attachment 3, revise paragraph 3 to read:

“The Contractor is required to initially submit all reports no later than 180 days after contract award (includes transition period), unless a frequency date that is sooner than 180 days from contract award has been specified below. Any “sooner” submittal dates that, due to the contract award date, would be deliverable before 30 days after award, will be considered “on time” if submitted within 30 days after contract award. Reports specified as “as needed” or “on request” are not included in the initial submittal requirement.”